

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 – Traditional
11:15 – Contemporary style
3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15—
Service of the Word for Wholeness

Summer in the Psalms

“The Two Ways”

9:00—June 21, 2026

Psalms 1 and Matthew 7:13-20 present a central concept: two distinct paths with contrasting outcomes. Psalm 1 describes the way of the righteous, who are blessed, and the way of the wicked, who perish, while Matthew 7 contrasts the wide road leading to destruction with the narrow road leading to life.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Flowers Given in Loving Memory of Marletta Sue Hoffman

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Mark Hayes

Pianists: Mary Reed & Julie Steinmayer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Niklaus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Diane

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “*If You but Trust in God to Guide You*” v. 1, 3, 4 **ELW 769**

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.

THE GREETING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, as we make decisions, direct us to right paths of seeking and following your will. Bless us as we delight in your Word and meditate on it in our hearts and minds. As trees planted by streams of water yield much fruit, help our lives demonstrate the fruit of your Spirit. We pray in the name Jesus, the one who died so we might be made righteous with you.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

Gwen Fitzgerald

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1

A: Together let us read Psalm 1 responsively: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

C: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

A: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

C: which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

A: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

C: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:13-20

Pastor Niklaus

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? ¹⁷In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will know them by their fruits.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Greble, Associate Pastor

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*”

ELW 772

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| 1 | Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will! | 3 | Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep. |
| 2 | Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear. | 4 | Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God. |

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Diane

P: God has made us God's own people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gwen Fitzgerald

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus's sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disabilities. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Niklaus

STEWARDSHIP READING

Matthew 6:21

(Jesus said,) “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

OFFERING

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration”

David Lasky

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Diane

P: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION LITANY

P: Come to the table of grace, all who hunger for God.

C: We come seeking living water.

P: Come, all who are weary and searching for rest.

C: Root us in the love of Christ.

P: Here, God nourishes the weary soul.

C: Here, Christ feeds us with mercy and hope.

P: As trees planted by flowing streams,

C: May we grow in faith and bear fruit in love.

P: As we share one bread and one cup,

C: Make us one body, rooted in your peace. Nourish us, O God, for the life of the world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Joel Raney

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor Diane

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Together let us pray:

C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Go planted in God’s love, nourished by living water, bearing fruit for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”*

ELW 763

1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

DISMISSAL

Pastor Niklaus

POSTLUDE *“Allegro” from Concerto del Sigr. Tomaso Albinoni*

Johann Walther

Summer in the Psalms

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays
10:10 a.m.

June 21—September 6
Conference Room
Pr. Diane & Pr. Hemke

Mondays
7:00 p.m.

June 22—September 7
Welcome Center
Pr. Nik

Wednesdays
11:00 a.m.

June 24—September 9
Conference Room
Pr. Diane

Sign-up at the desk in the Welcome Center or online at bslcmi.org/post/StudyPsalms



carpet cleaning

July 1-4

**Please plan ahead & avoid
entering the building if possible**



First Fruits Sundays

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD COLLECTION
FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLOTHING

MEN'S PANTS
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
NEW SOCKS & GLOVES
NEW UNDERWEAR
(CHILDREN & ADULT)
DIAPERS & WIPES

FOOD ITEMS

QUICK FULL MEALS:
CANNED CHILI
HAMBURGER HELPER
CASSEROLE & SKILLET STARTERS

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